

2017 Spiritual Growth Plan



ELLIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST



shine

"walking as children of light"

Eph. 5:8



Elders

Robert Burton
Curtis Kingsley
Mark Pettit

January 1, 2017

Dear Church Family:

Deacons

Bob Burkewitz
Rob Burton
Josh Chancey
Nathan Collier
Dennis Dove
Tim Hall
Junior Jenkins
John Johnson
Brandon Jones
Barry Kingsley
Jason Ledford
Tate McCoy
John Painter
Will Parker
Barry Pritchett
Garry Rittenberry

Proverbs 16:3 says “commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” This year’s spiritual growth plan has been prayerfully assembled to benefit each member of our church family. It is our desire to have each member work together to achieve a higher level of service to God and to His Church.

The theme for 2017 is “**SHINE**” to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8). Last year, by “practicing our faith every day,” we were able to apply the principles taught in the Word to grow as individuals. Our desire this year is to build on that by not only living godly lives, but by letting our light **SHINE** so that others will see our example and want to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:14-16).

Our plans for 2017 include an increased effort to be a beacon of hope in an increasingly dark world. By **SHINING**, we plan to seek, and capitalize, on opportunities to share the Gospel with others. This **WILL** be the focus of our work together throughout the year. Plans are in place to reach the lost, but it will take family members working together to fulfill this divine commission.

The battle lines have been drawn between darkness and light, and we plan as a church family to **SHINE** so that the world will see Christ and that He is the light of life (John 8:12)! Let’s take this opportunity to **SHINE**!

Ministers

Jeremy Green
Butch Jones
Chase Sharp

Missionary

Michael Dunbar
Highgate, Jamaica

Bob Burkewitz Curtis Kingsley Mark Pettit
Jeremy Green Butch Jones Chase Sharp

GOALS FOR 2017
“SHINE” (Ephesians 5:8)

1. Strive to emphasize a bolder, evangelistic spirit (Great Commission) -- **Evangelistic Outreach Ministry**
 - Gather references for potential Bible studies through personal contacts with members
 - Add 20 new families to our membership and develop a new converts mentoring program
 - Conduct a minimum of 150 personal Bible studies
 - Distribute 300 Bible correspondence courses with certain followup
 - Enhance reporting on CARE Group assignments and increase focus on personal visits
 - Initiate weekly “Soul-Focus” Meetings to reach out to unfaithful members and new contacts
 - Host an evangelistic meeting in the community (consider joint initiative with other congregations)
 - Increase follow up with contacts made through benevolence program
 - Promote volunteer opportunities such as the Gilmer Food Pantry
 - Deliver “Welcome to Gilmer” Baskets to introduce new families to the Church (assuming new addresses can be obtained)
 - Gather information about potentially hosting an addiction recovery program

2. Increase focus on domestic missions -- **Missions Outreach**
 - Will Mayhue, Toccoa, GA
 - Austin Gunnels, Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Knoxville, TN

3. Provide opportunities to expand and participate in the Education program- **Education Ministry**
 - Provide intergenerational classes in the Education Program for appropriate ages
 - Conduct quarterly Bible class teacher meetings
 - Schedule sessions 2 and 3 of teacher workshop to add evangelistic emphasis
 - Continue to develop and publish congregational devotional book
 - Initiate annual teachers appreciation dinner

4. Elders and ministers visit in the homes of all members in 2017 – **Shepherd’s Ministry**

5. Based upon continued growth of the congregation and to meet additional space needs, continue the planning for a fellowship/educational building—**Shepherd’s Ministry**
 - Consider expanding the auditorium by providing additional seating space
 - Provide cans for change to support the planned Fellowship Building
 - Encourage more members to give to the Fellowship Building Fund
 - Based upon increased donations, begin construction in 2017/2018 (phase 1 of the new fellowship building)

6. Schedule six special prayer times outside of worship services--**Shepherd’s Ministry**

7. Mentor potentially qualified men for the eldership - **Shepherd’s Ministry**

8. Continue to support our youth in their spiritual growth and development and to expand their outreach into the community and schools-- **Youth and Family Ministry**
 - Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes, Youth, C-Squad
 - Mission Trip in rural Georgia
 - Outreach Homework Club
 - Encourage youth to bring 2 friends from outside the congregation every quarter
 - Increase the involvement of youth within the congregation who do not regularly attend youth functions
 - Implement a new teen care group
 - Conduct monthly devotionals at the homes of youth and parents
 - As a follow-up to the IMPACT Work Camp, reach out to the community through local and area-wide service projects

9. Average Attendance and Goals for 2011 - 2017

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg. 2016	Goal 2017
Bible Study	135	142	148	131	137	137	165
Sunday Morning Worship	200	224	233	217	221	223	255
Sunday Evening Worship	142	145	149	138	142	146	165
Wednesday Bible Study	124	137	141	128	138	141	165
Friends Day				353	336	405	450

AREAS OF SERVICE

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH.....	Elder Contact: Bob Burton	Contacts
Membership Services.....		Rob Burton, Dennis Dove, Butch Jones
Attendance		
Community Outreach		
C.A.R.E. Groups		
Nursing Homes		Tom Hall
Wayward Members		Elders
Gospel Meetings/Area Wide Campaign.....		Elders
Correspondence Courses.....		Butch Jones
Media Outreach.....		Rob Burton, Jeremy Green, Nathan Collier, John Painter, Will Parker, Barry Kingsley, Ron Kimsey
MISSIONS OUTREACH.....	Elder Contact: Bob Burton	
Jamaica		Barry Pritchett, Butch Jones
Murphy, N.C. Church of Christ.....		Elders, Jeremy Green
North Georgia Bible Camp.....		Barry Pritchett
Faulkner University.....		Butch Jones, Barry Kingsley
Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies.....		Elders, Jeremy Green
Toccoa Church of Christ.....		Elders, Jeremy Green
ADULT EDUCATION.....	Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Adult Classes.....		Richard Bohannon
Library		John Painter
Georgia School of Preaching		Elders, Richard Bohannon
Summer Series		Jeremy Green, Butch Jones
Seminars/Workshops.....		Elders, Richard Bohannon
YOUTH/EDUCATION	Elder Contact: Mark Pettit	
Classes: Nursery-High School		Nathan Collier, Josh Chancey, Chase Sharp, Barry Kingsley
C- Squad (through grade 6).....		Brandon Jones, Josh Chancey, Chase Sharp
Youth Activities: Grade 7th - High School		Tim Hall, Chase Sharp
V.B.S.		Barry Kingsley
Lads To Leaders		Tim Hall, Barry Pritchett
Homework Club.....		Chase Sharp, Butch Jones
BENEVOLENCE	Contact: Elders	
Member Assistance		Elders
Non-Member Assistance		Junior Jenkins
AGAPE/Raintree Village.....		Butch Jones
Fruit Baskets.....		Barry Pritchett, Marvin Pritchett
Disaster Relief.....		Jason Ledford, Ken White
EDIFICATION/FELLOWSHIP.....	Elder Contact: Elders	
Snak-N-Yak		Jason Ledford, Ken White
Picnics		Jason Ledford, Ken White
Congregational Meals.....		Jason Ledford, Ken White
Family Retreats.....		Jason Ledford, Ken White, Barry Kingsley, Jeremy Green
Ladies Activities		Ladies as assigned
WORSHIP.....	Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Order of Services		Junior Jenkins, Barry Kingsley, Barry Pritchett, John Painter, Ken White, Garry Rittenberry, Butch Jones, Jeremy Green
Song Leading Coordinator.....		Barry Kingsley
Greeters-Ushers		Junior Jenkins, Clyde Cody
Worship Preparation		Junior Jenkins, Garry Rittenberry, Dale Hunter, David Green
ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES.....	Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Office.....		Elders, Kelly Cochran
Finances.....		Bob Burkewitz, Rob Burton
Building/Grounds Upkeep.....		John Johnson Garry Rittenberry, Brandon Jones
Building Security		Tate McCoy, John Johnson
Transportation.....		Tate McCoy, David Green
Technology/Sound System.....		John Painter, Nathan Collier, William Parker, Ron Kimsey, Josh Wright, Zach Pritchett, Danny Hensley
Supplies		John Johnson, Jackie Cochran

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

(Butch Jones, Jeremy Green, Bob Burton)

Our theme for 2017 is “**SHINE**”, based on Ephesians 5:8 and its scriptural admonition to “walk as children of light.” Letting our light shine begins with building closer relationships with each other. Our goals, include the shepherds and ministers visiting in each member’s home throughout the year, reflecting the desire to grow closer as a family of God. In addition, walking as children of light involves a constantly evangelistic outlook. Below, we have identified specific goals to assist us in achieving our desired spiritual growth.

- Gather references for potential Bible studies through personal contacts with members
- Work to add a minimum of 20 new families to our membership and implement a mentoring plan for each new Christian to help them grow and mature and remain faithful
- Conduct a minimum of 150 personal Bible studies
- Distribute 300 Bible correspondence courses
- Continue to contact first time visitors from the local community by the Tuesday following their visit
- Improve reporting of CARE Groups and increase focus on personal visits
- Initiate weekly “Soul-Focus” meetings to reach out to unfaithful members and new contacts
- Host an evangelistic meeting in the community (consider joint initiative with other congregations)
- Increase follow up with contacts made through benevolence program
- Promote volunteer opportunities including the Gilmer Food Pantry
- Deliver “Welcome to Gilmer” Baskets to introduce new families to the Church (Assuming addresses can be obtained)
- Gather information about potentially hosting an addiction recovery program
- Host information booth at Gilmer County Fair
- Expand technology outreach (**New age door knocking**)

MISSION OUTREACH

(Butch Jones and Barry Pritchett)

Letting our light shine is not just something that should be achieved locally. We should be “**shining**” domestically and abroad so that the whole world can hear the Gospel. While we will continue to support the work in Highgate, Jamaica as we have for over 30 years, 2017 will bring about an increased focus on domestic missions including continuing to support mission churches in Murphy, North Carolina and rural Georgia.

Initiate monthly support:

- Will Mayhue, Toccoa Church of Christ, Toccoa, Georgia

Continue monthly support:

- Roy Stephenson, Murphy Church of Christ, Murphy, North Carolina
- Michael Dunbar, Highgate Church of Christ, Highgate, Jamaica
- Austin Gunnels, Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Knoxville, TN
- North Georgia Bible Camp (Wetoga)
- Faulkner University Bible Department

ADULT EDUCATION

(Richard Bohannon)

All Christians should be interested in:

- Studying the Bible, God’s word, including personal study and attending Bible classes during scheduled times with the congregation
- Bible classes are taught for all ages by knowledgeable, dedicated, qualified teachers
- Parents should attend Bible classes and bring their children
- Encourage adults without children in the home to be in one of the different classes available on Sunday, Wednesdays, and other scheduled times, including the Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies (GSOP) classes
- All classes will be posted quarterly and included in the Sunday bulletin
- There will be two additional teacher training classes for teachers of all ages, as well as any interested persons, one in March and one in September. Tom Tignor of 21st Century Christian will facilitate these training sessions
- Schedule a teachers Bible school appreciation dinner

Adult Bible Class Schedule 2017
Ellijay Church of Christ
“Shine”

“Walk as Children of Light” - Ephesians 5:8

Sunday Morning					
Location	Teachers	Winter Dec - Feb	Spring Mar - May	Summer June - Aug	Fall Sept - Nov
Auditorium	Bob Burton Mark Pettit	Matthew	Matthew	Romans	Romans
Fellowship Hall 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 5 th	Richard Bohannon John Johnson Ken White	OT Survey	OT Survey	OT Survey	OT Survey
Fellowship Hall Combined 4 th	Richard Bohannon Jeremy Green	Topical Study	Topical Study	Topical Study	Topical Study
Fellowship Hall II 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 5 th	Jeremy Green	Selected Topics	Selected Topics	Selected Topics	Selected Topics
Foyer	Butch Jones Brent Parker Eddie Mullinax	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis
Tuesday Morning					
Fellowship Hall (Ladies Class)	Gail Adams, Cleah Boaz Judy Mailen	<i>Trailblazers</i>	<i>Trailblazers</i>	No classes during the summer	<i>Trailblazers</i>
Thursday Morning					
Men's Dev/Projects	Richard Bohannon Jeremy Green	Devo/Projects <i>Man of Dust</i>	Devo/Projects <i>Man of Dust</i>	No classes during the summer	Devo/Projects TBD
Wednesday Evening					
Auditorium	Jeremy Green Mark Pettit	James and Jude	Morals and Ethics	Summer Series Ephesians 5:8	Book on Christian Living Curtis Kingsley Richard Bohannon
Fellowship Hall	Jeremy Green Barry Kingsley				New Songs for the Church
Conference	Butch Jones	Grief/Support	Evangelism	Summer Series	Grief Support
Foyer	Miles Peeples Lloyd Ferrell	Prophets/Daniel	Daniel/Ezekiel	Summer Series	
Fellowship Hall II	Richard Bohannon Junior Jenkins	Flex Study	Flex Study	Summer Series	
Georgia School of Preaching					
Fellowship Hall	David Decker/ Richard Bohannon/ Jeremy Green	No class in session	(Mar – May) D. Decker Book of Revelation	Summer Series	(Sept-Oct) Bohannon/ J. Green Book of Acts

For additional information contact Richard Bohannon

LIBRARY

(John & Jennifer Painter)

Great resources are available in the library. Please use these resources in your study of the Lord's word.

- Available Resources
 - Online Card Catalog is available via 2 sources:
 - From the Church Library Website <http://elijaycoc.mysurpass.net> which is linked from the church website under the "Resources" menu
 - From the **Library Trek** app (available in the Android Play Store and the Apple App Store) ***Please see Jennifer with questions**
 - Laptop for online research and for searching the online card catalog
 - Projector checkout for use in the fellowship hall or classrooms as needed
 - Religious DVD movies
 - Bible Commentaries
 - Religious Books for ALL ages: Children, Teens, and Adults
 - Audio CDs of Polishing the Pulpit speakers (men and women)
 - Many non-religious fiction books
- Plans
 - Continue updates of patrons in library computer, print, and laminate library cards
 - Put more materials into library computer for circulation
 - Inform church members of library materials through PowerPoint and Email
 - Host a minimum of two Get-To-Know training sessions in the library

LADIES

(Gail Adams, Judy Mailen, Katrina Kingsley)

The goals of the Ladies Ministry are to get the ladies of the church more involved in visiting, ministering, and outreach (both within our family and outside in the community).

In the upcoming year, we hope to:

- Plan a ladies special event with a guest speaker for all ladies to encourage and shine
- Encourage those not attending ladies class to become involved
- Encourage women to grow in service to the church

The Ladies Ministry includes:

- A Tuesday morning class from September through May
- Food ministry for church family needs and funerals
- Grading and mailing of Bible correspondence courses
- Preparation of communion bread
- Preparation and distribution of handouts for visitors
- Collection of children's clothes
- Conduct Wednesday evening ladies Bible class (Fall Quarter)
- Provide services to North Georgia Family Crisis Network
- Other selected services as needed

CHILDREN/YOUTH EDUCATION

(Nathan Collier, Barry Kingsley, Josh Chancey, Chase Sharp)

NURSERY THROUGH 12TH GRADE

The Youth Education program is very important in the development of children's Christian lives.

- Teach children of all ages the importance of studying the Bible
- Teach younger children Bible basics that will serve as building blocks as they grow older
- Teach teens how to use their knowledge of the Bible to handle situations they are faced with on a daily basis
- Encourage parents to be involved in their children's education and see that their child participated in all activities that are planned
- Provide opportunities for children to fellowship with other young Christians
- Promote an atmosphere of togetherness among children, youth and seniors
- Encourage youth to use Facebook and other social media to reach out to their friends to know more about God's word

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Psalms 127:3 - Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Bible School Curriculum Nursery - Grade 12

Nursery

- Palma Smiley

Ages 2-4

- Jesus died for us
- God created everything
- Basic Bible Stories & Major characters

K-1st Grade

- Books of New Testament
- Psalm 23
- The Lord's Prayer
- Specifics of Creation

2nd – 3rd Grade (Repeat of the above plus)

- 12 Apostles
- Books of Old Testament
- 100th Psalm
- 12 Sons of Jacob
- 15 Judges
- History of Israel
- 10 Commandments

4th -6th Grade (Repeat of the above plus)

- Plan of Salvation
- Beatitudes
- Understand concepts of Sermon on the Mount
- Christian Armor
- Meaning of Terms (Salvation, Righteous, etc...)
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Acts of Worship
- Paul's Missionary Journeys
- Dispensations Patriarchal, Mosaical, Christian
- Foundation of Church
- Apologetics

7th -12th Grade (Repeat of the above plus)

- Major and Minor Prophets
- God (Father, Son, Spirit)
- Qualifications of Elders & Deacons
- Doctrine (Instrumental Music, Lord's Supper, etc..)

YOUTH

7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
(Tim Hall, Chase Sharp)

The youth group is made up of students from 7th to 12th grade.

Youth Goals and Activities for 2017:

- Encourage youth to bring 2 friends from outside the congregation every quarter to worship, devotionals and other activities
- Increase presence within the homes of youth parents
- Implement a new Teen Care Group
- Conduct devotionals at the homes of youth and parents
- Increase the outreach of youth within the community
- Conduct a mission trip in Georgia
- Begin conducting area-wide devotionals with local congregations
- Conduct bi-weekly prayer meetings with high school age youth
- As a follow-up to the IMPACT Work Camp, reach out to the community through local, area-wide service projects

C- SQUAD (Brandon Jones, Josh Chancey)

C-Squad: Grades K to 6th

T.H.I.N.K.

Truthful

- Searching the scriptures for truth
- Learning God's word and his promises

Helpful

- Helping others as God would have us to do
- Practice sharing
- Doing for others (helping others) of all ages

Inspirational

- Encouraging others with actions and speech
- Learning new inspirational songs
- Study the Bible at home through take home lessons and handouts

Necessary

- Understanding what is need and want (God provides)
- Salvation from God, how to become a Christian

Kind

- Being Christ-like to everyone
- Service Projects
- Letter writing, cards sent

LADS TO LEADERS
(Tim Hall, Barry Pritchett, Chase Sharp)

Lads To Leaders is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the churches of Christ.

- Develop young people's abilities
- Prepare youth for service in the Kingdom of God
- Takes the whole congregation to make it work. Youth, parents, teachers, mentors
- Offer a variety of Bible-based materials for all ages
- Youth can pick from around 40 events/projects to work on that covers a wide range of interests
- Teach our youth to be Leaders
- Look at the talents developed with God's help in our youth
- Encourage all youth in the congregation to participate

CAMP WETOGA
(Barry Pritchett, Chase Sharp)

The Ellijay congregation has been involved in the organization and development of the North Georgia Bible Camp, since 1969. It was later named Camp Wetoga in 1983. The Camp continues to expand and offer additional activities and training for youth by the different congregations of the church in North Georgia. Some of the activities that have been accomplished by the camp are listed below:

- In 2016 at Camp Wetoga, there were around 15 baptisms, many young people asked for prayers and it was a record year for attendance with 448 young people
- Over 2000 baptized into Christ since its beginning in 1969
- With recent donations from individuals and churches, the Camp debt has been reduced to about one half or around \$200,000
- Plans to pay the Camp debt will be completed in four years, which will enable the Camp to provide more spiritual opportunities and growth for our young people
- Many young people have asked for prayers while attending camp
- Great environment for youth to find their inner self away from worldly distractions
- Thousands of lifelong friendships made
- Over 30 marriages from couples meeting at Camp
- Rekindles the fire in many young people who attend Camp
- A great place to be spiritually uplifted
- Encourage more youth to participate and assist in serving at Camp

GOALS:

- **Build an outdoor pavilion for devotionals, Bible classes and other activities, by using timber on the Camp property (lumber will be sawed at no cost to the Camp)**
- **Schedule a minimum of 15 youth and a minimum of 5 adults as camp workers, from Ellijay, to attend at least one summer camp session**

Youth / C-Squad Calendar 2017

Youth **C-Squad** **Combined**

Black = Youth

Red = C-Squad

Green = Combined Youth & C-Squad

January 6	L2L Workshop (6PM-9PM)
January 8	Youth Winter Series – Ellijay Hosting
January 22	GA Tumble and Cheer
February 3	L2L Workshop (6PM-9PM)
February 10	Annual Dinner Theater / Talent Show
February 24-26	CYC Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
March 3	L2L Workshop (6PM-9PM)
March 17	Family Game Night
April 8	Egg Hunt / Spring Fling
April 14-16	Lads to Leaders Convention – Atlanta, GA
May 27	End of School Party
May 28-31	VBS
June 1-3	GA School of Preaching Preaching Camp – Camp Wetoga
June 3-8	Inspire – Faulkner University
June 4-9	Backwoods Christian Camp
June 9	Movie Under the Stars
June 11-16	Week One Camp Wetoga
June 18-23	Week Two Camp Wetoga
July 14-16	Church Camping Trip (Devo ok, but parents to stay)
July 21-23	AIM Conference – Faulkner University
August 6	North GA Back to School Youth Night – Ellijay Hosting
August 26	Hike
September 16	Youth Rally and Apple Barn Cookout
October 28	Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat
November 11	Surprise Destination Progressive Dinner
December 3	Make and Deliver Christmas Cookies – Caroling
December 9	Christmas Party / Christmas Light Trip
December 27-30	Exposure Youth Camp
December 31	New Year's Eve Party

BENEVOLENCE

(Junior Jenkins, Curtis Kingsley)

The mission of the Benevolence Ministry is to provide assistance for families in need.

- Provide food or clothing
- Assist with rent, utilities
- Assistance is provided to church families as well as those in the community
- Provide assistance to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village Christian Home
- Assist with family emergency needs in Ellijay, Gilmer County

Financial support given to local families in 2016 was \$33,535 thru December 30, 2016. This includes:

- \$21,459 to members
- \$9,951 to non members
- \$2,125 in Food Gift Cards

This does not include funds donated to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village by individual members.

Disaster Relief:

- East Tennessee Fire Victims
 - \$3,000 Gatlinburg Church of Christ, Gatlinburg
 - \$3,700 Smokey Mountain Church of Christ, Pigeon Forge

EDIFICATION/FELLOWSHIP

(Jason & Candy Ledford, Ken & JoAnna White, Barry & Katrina Kingsley)

Planned Fellowship Events for families to build one another up and shine in service to the Lord.

Family events planned for 2017:

- Monthly Fellowship Meals (Snak-N-Yak)
- Mens & Ladies Prayer Meetings
- Family & Friends Day Luncheon 4/23
- Labor Day Picnic/Activities 9/4
- Cookout & Hayride Pritchett Farm 9/16
- Holiday Party Fellowship Hall 12/1
- Schedule special congregational trips
- Other Special Events

WORSHIP

(Elders)

WORSHIP/FOYER ASSIGNMENTS

(Garry Rittenberry, Junior Jenkins, Clyde Cody, Dennis Dove, Dale Hunter, Roy Walker, Alan Hall)

Inform men and youth who are scheduled to lead and assist with the worship services of the congregation and assign substitutes when needed.

This Ministry is a vital part of the Ellijay church. Greeters and Ushers serve an important role in greeting people on a person-to-person basis when they first arrive at the church building.

- Assist and greet outside front door
- Greet and welcome and hand out bulletins
- Direct visitors to ushers to be seated
- Direct children and adults to classes and nursery
- Assign ushers and those assisting and leading in worship
- Collect attendance cards
- Oversee communion setup
- Count and record number present
- Serve communion in nursery and children's bible class
- Staff foyer at all times
- Communion cleanup and setup for evening services

Greeter Coordinator: Junior Jenkins

Assist with Greeting: Ernestine Hall, Edith Hensley

Greeters: As assigned

Ushers Coordinators: Clyde Cody, Garry Rittenberry

Emergency: Jackie Cochran, Jessica Cochran, Brenda Rittenberry, Teresa Weeks

Attendance Cards: Diane and Vercel Miller, Brent and Sandra Parker

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES

FINANCES

(Bob Burkewitz, Rob Burton)

Contributions to provide for the growth and building up of the Lord's church in Ellijay.

FINANCE GOALS:

- Achieve average contribution goal of \$7000 per week
- Maintain up to date records of church financial activities
- Provide leadership and members with a monthly report of all church income and expenses
- Provide timely deposit of weekly contributions
- Receive and deposit special contributions and disburse in a timely manner
- Provide timely payment of church bills
- Provide each member with an itemized report of their tax-deductible contributions for the year
- Continue to encourage more members to contribute to the Building Fund in order to construct a New Fellowship Building. (Phase One 2017/2018)
- Initiate annual audit of church financial records by a CPA

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(John Johnson, Brandon Jones, Jackie Cochran, Garry Rittenberry)

Use the facilities to assist in the growth of the Lord's church in Ellijay:

- Maintain and care for the building and grounds
- Plan to renovate the auditorium to accommodate future growth
- Plan to build a multi-purpose fellowship/education building when adequate funds are available
- Paint all hallways and foyer in the building (Before Friends Day, April 2017)
- Tile wall behind urinals in men's restroom (Before Friends Day, April 2017)
- Replace broken air conditioner in the auditorium (Before Friends Day, April 2017)
- Treat foyer classroom for termites and repair drywall damage

TECHNOLOGY

(John Painter, William Parker, Nathan Collier, Kelly Cochran, Pam Hall, Jeremy Green, Zach Pritchett, Barry Pritchett, Barry Kingsley Ron Kimsey)

The use of technology includes providing the following services and resources for the congregation:

- Church Website
 - Church contact information, worship times, and directions
 - Leadership Information: Elders, Deacons, and Ministers
 - Ministry Information: Lads to Leaders, Camp Wetoga, Faith & Love Outreach, etc.
 - Audio sermon database: Searchable by keyword, speaker, and more
 - Special Events are advertised under the "Upcoming Events" section of the homepage
 - Online membership directory including birthdays, addresses, phone numbers, etc. (Accessible to members only)
 - Archive of church bulletins
- Facebook
 - **Ellijay Church of Christ** page (Public) - This resource is used to provide an easy to use online photo album for all of our church activities AND to advertise upcoming events and news about our congregation to the community
 - **Ellijay COC Youth** page (Private) - used to communicate all news, activities, and updates pertaining to the youth group
 - **Ellijay Church of Christ Young Professionals** page (Private) - used to communicate news, activities, and updates pertaining to the members of the Young Professionals class
 - **ECOC L2L** page (Private) - used to communicate news, activities, and updates pertaining to the Lads to Leaders program
- Mobile Apps (available for Android and Apple smart phones)
 - **Facebook** – A social media app available to access the Facebook pages listed above
 - **Twitter** – A microblog social media app. Search for "ellijaycoc"
 - **Instagram** – A photo sharing social media app. Search for "ellijaychurchofchrist"
 - **Ustream** – A live stream and video sharing app. Search for "Ellijay Church of Christ" to view the live stream and past recordings
- Other Technology
 - Mass e-mail messages are sent to members with e-mail addresses in our online membership database
 - Automatic phone call system is used when needed for emergency notifications, news, and reminders
 - All sermons are recorded in audio format and archived by month on CDs (copies are available on CD by request using the sign-up list on the Love Board)
 - The worship services and sermons are streamed using Ustream and are available live and archived for later viewing

2017 Summer Series
“SHINE”
“Walk as children of light” – Ephesians 5:8

June 7 – *“Walk as Children of Light” (Eph. 5:8)* – Mike Gurganus, Ringgold Church of Christ, Ringgold, GA

June 14 – *“Speak the Truth with Boldness” (Acts 4:29)* – Will Mayhue, Toccoa Church of Christ, Toccoa, GA

June 21 – *“View the Lost with Compassion” (Matt. 9:36)* – Letson McCoy, Thomaston Road Church of Christ, Macon, GA

June 28 – *“Learn to Be Obedient” (1 Peter 1:14)* – Harold Savage, Snellville Church of Christ, Snellville, GA

July 5 – *“Draw Near to God” (Hebrews 10:22)* – Kyle Rye, Buford Church of Christ, Buford, GA

July 12 – *“Hold Fast Without Wavering” (Hebrews 10:23)* – Eric Owens, Avondale Church of Christ, Decatur, GA

July 19 – *“Lay Aside Sin” (Hebrews 12:1)* – Roy Stephenson, Murphy Church of Christ, Murphy, NC

July 26 – *“Every Joint Working Together” (Ephesians 4:16)* – Matt Amos, Woodstock Church of Christ, Woodstock, GA

August 2 – *“Give Due Reverence” (Hebrews 12:28)* – Austin Gunnels, Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Karns, TN

August 9 – *“Profit from Godliness” (1 Tim. 4:8)* – Brian Stephens, Fourth Street Church of Christ, Selmer, TN

August 16 – *“Practice Self-Control” (1 Peter 4:7)* – Chris Barnett, East Brainerd Church of Christ, Chattanooga, TN

August 23 – *“Pray for Wisdom” (James 1:5)* – Andrew Kingsley, Asheville Road Church of Christ, Leeds, AL

August 30 – *“Be Among the Faithful” (Revelation 2:10)* – Jeremy Green, Ellijay Church of Christ, Ellijay, GA

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES 2017

JANUARY

1st..... Present Growth Plan to Congregation
 6th..... L2L Workshop 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
 8th..... Area Wide Winter Series, 5:00 PM
 22nd..... Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Coordinators; 4:30 PM
 22nd..... 4th Sunday Night Singing service

FEBRUARY

3rd..... L2L Workshop 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
 5th..... Snak-n-Yak/C.A.R.E. Team Orientation
 10th..... 3rd Annual Dinner Theater/Talent Show
 14th-16th... Pigeon Forge Marriage Retreat
 19th..... Men and Ladies Prayer Meeting, 5:00 PM
 24th-26th... CYC Pigeon Forge, TN
 26th..... Ministers' Question and Answer
 28th-3rd..... Faulkner Lectureship

MARCH

3rd..... L2L Workshop 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
 5th..... Snak-N-Yak
 6th..... Georgia School of Preaching class begins
 11th..... Northwest Georgia Men's Training Day
 12th..... Daylight Savings Time begins
 26th..... Young Men in charge of evening service

APRIL

14th-16th..... L2L Convention
 16th..... Special Prayer Service Men and Ladies, 5:00 PM
 22nd..... Work Day
 23rd..... Friends Day
 23rd..... Ministers' Question and Answer
 23rd..... Elders, Deacons, Minister & Coordinators Mtg.

MAY

14th..... Mothers Day
 14th..... Annual Raintree Children's Home Appeal
 21st Graduation Luncheon
 28th-31st..... VBS

JUNE

1st-3rd..... Georgia School of Preaching "Preaching Camp"
 3rd-8th..... Inspire at Faulkner
 4th..... Snak-N-Yak
 4th-9th..... Backwoods Christian Camp
 7th..... Summer Series begins
 11th..... Fathers Day/1st week of Camp Wetoga
 18th..... 2nd week of Camp Wetoga
 18th..... Special Prayer Service Men and Ladies, 5:00 PM
 25th..... 4th Sunday Night Singing service

JULY

4th..... View Fireworks from back parking lot and tailgating
 21st-23rd... AIM Youth Conference
 23rd..... Elders, Deacons, Minister & Coordinators mtg.
 23rd..... 4th Sunday Night Singing service

AUGUST

6th..... North Georgia Back to School Youth Night
 19th..... Special Prayer Service Men and Ladies, 5:00 PM
 19th-24th.... Polishing the Pulpit/Sevierille
 27th..... Youth in Charge of P.M. Service
 30th..... Summer Series Ends

SEPTEMBER

4th..... Labor Day Picnic/Activities
 11th..... Georgia School of Preaching Class Begins
 16th..... Youth Rally, Hayride, Cornerstone with Faulkner Students
 24th..... Ministers Question and Answer

OCTOBER

1st..... Snak-N-Yak
 22nd..... Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Coordinators Mtg.
 22nd..... 4th Sunday Night Singing service
 28th..... Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
 29th..... Congregational Planning Meeting

NOVEMBER

5th..... Daylight Saving Time Ends
 12th..... Veterans Day Luncheon
 19th..... Men and Ladies Prayer Meeting, 5:00 PM
 19th..... Annual Thanksgiving Appeal for GA AGAPE
 22nd..... Special Prayer/Singing Service
 26th..... Ministers Question and Answer

DECEMBER

1st..... Congregational Holiday Party
 9th..... C-Squad Christmas Party
 15th..... Prepare Fruit Baskets
 20th..... Special Prayer/Singing Service
 24th..... 4th Sunday Night Singing service
 27th..... Special Prayer/Singing Service
 27th-30th... Exposure Youth Camp at Huntsville, Alabama